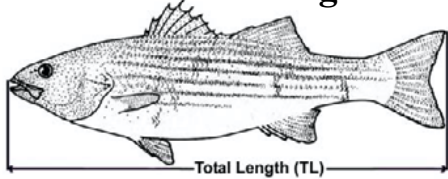


**These fish have size limits and/or reduced bag limits.**



**STRIPED BASS** Bag limit 2 fish per day, size limit north of Pt. Conception: 18" TL.



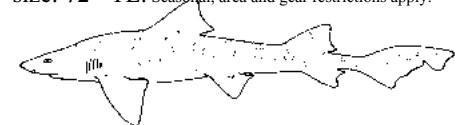
**CALIFORNIA HALIBUT** Bag limit 5 fish south of Pt. Sur, 3 to the north, size limit: 22" TL



**LINGCOD** Bag limit 2 fish per day, size limit: 24" TL. Seasonal, area, depth and gear restrictions apply.



**WHITE STURGEON** Bag limit 1 fish per day, minimum size: 46" TL; maximum size: 72" TL. Seasonal, area and gear restrictions apply.



**LEOPARD SHARK** Bag limit 3 fish per day, size limit: 36" TL.

## Salmon



### KING (CHINOOK) SALMON

Black mouth w/black gums at base of teeth on lower jaw; large spots on both lobes of tail. See 2004 California Sport Fishing Regulations Booklet and Supplements sections 27.75 and 27.80 for regulations.

**The general bag and possession limit is 20 fish in combination of all species with not more than 10 of any one species except as otherwise stated. Below is an example of a fish with a bag limit of 10.**



### WHITE CROAKER (aka kingfish, tomcod)

**These fish have no size or bag limits.**



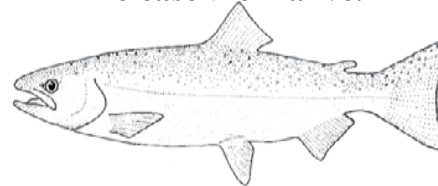
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### JACKSMELT

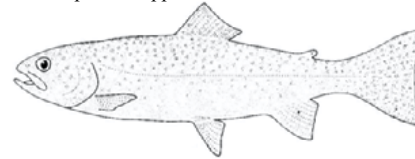
**Other fish with no bag or size limits:** albacore, anchovy, bluefin tuna, skipjack, grunion, jack mackerel, petrale sole, round herring, Pacific herring, Pacific butterfish, queenfish, Pacific staghorn sculpin, starry flounder, Pacific sanddab and topsmelt.

**These fishes are protected in ocean waters off California. Do not target them, but if you do happen to catch them, release them alive.**



### SILVER (COHO) SALMON

Black mouth w/teeth set in white band on lower jaw; small spots on upper lobe of tail.



### STEELHEAD (RAINBOW) TROUT

White mouth w/white gums at base of teeth on lower jaw; spots on both lobes of tail.

**Also: giant sea bass, garibaldi, white shark, gulf grouper, broomtail grouper, yelloweye, canary and cowcod rockfishes**

## Year 2005 Regulation Changes

There have been many changes to the regulations. Consult the ocean sport fishing regulation booklet and supplements for complete information, or visit the Marine Region's website at:

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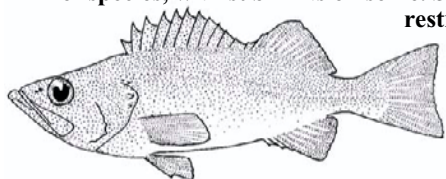
**Refer to 2005 California Ocean Sport Fishing Regulations for complete information.**

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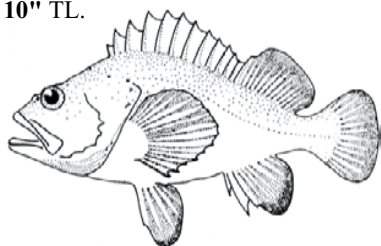
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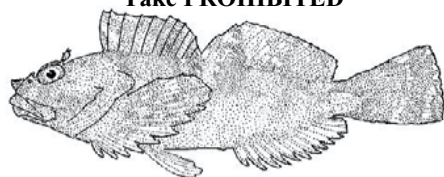
The RCG (Rockfish, Cabezon, Greenling) Complex bag limit is 10 fish in combination of species, with sublimits on some. Seasonal and area closures, and gear and depth restrictions apply.



**BOCACCIO** (aka salmon grouper) Bag limit 2 fish per day north of 40°10'N lat.\* South of 40°10'N lat 1 fish per day. Size limit: 10" TL.



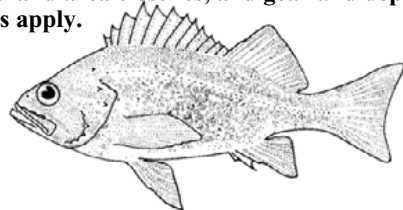
**YELLOWEYE ROCKFISH**  
Take PROHIBITED



**CABEZON** Bag limit 1 fish per day. Size limit: 15" TL.

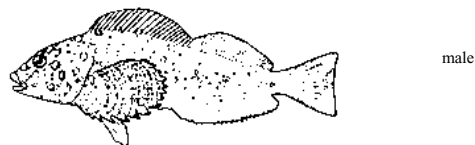
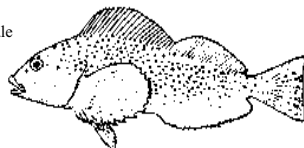


**GOPHER ROCKFISH**



**CANARY ROCKFISH**  
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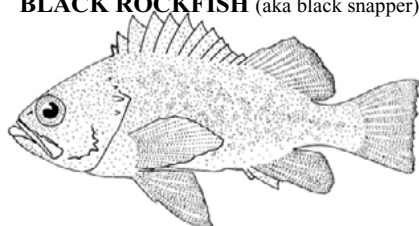


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**KELP GREENLING** (aka sea trout) Bag limit 1 fish per day in combination of the two species. Size limit: 12" TL.

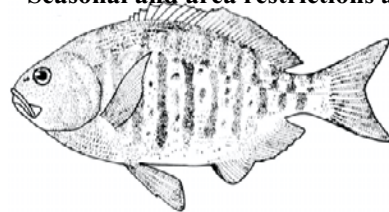


**BLACK ROCKFISH** (aka black snapper)



**VERMILION ROCKFISH** (aka red snapper)

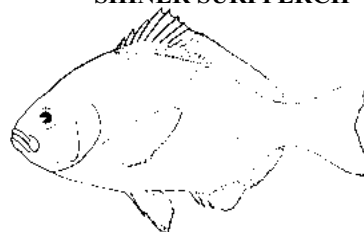
Below are some of the 19 species of surfperch found off California. The daily bag and possession limit for surfperch is 5 fish in combination of all species, except shiner surfperch, which has a bag limit of 20 fish in addition to the general bag limit. Seasonal and area restrictions apply.



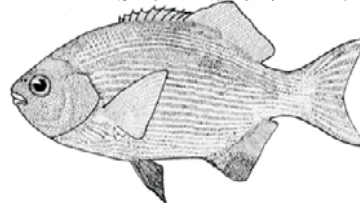
**BARRED SURFPERCH**



**SHINER SURFPERCH**



**REDTAIL SURFPERCH**  
Size limit: 10 1/2" TL.



**STRIPED SURFPERCH**

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"Bag Limit" in this pamphlet refers to the bag and possession limit as defined in Section 1.17 of the sport fishing regulations. No more than one daily bag limit may be taken OR possessed by any one person.

\*40°10'N lat. is just south of Cape Mendocino in Humboldt county.

